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**P to Dario Aug. 22, 1941**

**Dear Dario,**

**I received your letter a few days ago.**

**The time sure loops along and we seem to get little done.**

**The dry weather is still with us. We have had no rain of consequence since school was out, a few showers that changed our dryness but little. It is getting serious. The corn crop will be cut some but rise in price over last year will make more money.**

**I haven't done much painting. For awhile after school the warm weather took away all my ambition. Now that cooler weather is at hand I am getting started again. August is usually a wasted month for me in painting as there are too many repair jobs to do before winter comes along. The kitchen-dining room here is badly in need of repairs. I think by next week that job will be in process of being done. Carpenters are hard to get now. I don't intend to do much of the work myself but I have to oversee it, and with things like that on my mind I don't get much painting done.**

**I am sorry I cannot visit you and do some painting. I have to be here until the repair job is done and will be too late for you afterward. So we will have to get together after school begins. I had hoped to get down to the Mississippi River and see what we could see there. I have been told that around the town of Elsah (or Elsa) by the river is good painting material. But I take little stock in other people's ideas of what it takes to make pictures—we are so pronouncedly different in our likes and dislikes.**

**My class meets today for the first time; wish you could be with us. I don't expect very many.**

**I will have to close and get ready to go.**

**Sincerely,**

**Paul T. Sargent**